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SUBJECT: U.S./CHINA DIALOGUE - KENYA RESPONSE

Refs: A. Nairobi 1002, B. State 24937, C. Nairobi 0075, D. 05
Nairobi 3600

11. (SBU) In response to ref B, Embassy Nairobi directs Washington to refs A, C, and D. Ref D is a baseline cable on the economic dimensions of the China-Kenya relationship. Refs A and C contain additional new information on the same topic, and in so doing responds to many of the issues raised ref B.

12. (SBU) Additionally, in response to ref B's query about areas of potential U.S.-China cooperation in Kenya, there are currently no such initiatives. But in a recent meeting between the U.S. and Chinese ambassadors, the possibility of cooperating in areas of mutual interest, such as assistance to prevent and treat diseases in Kenya like malaria, was raised. One difficulty in working with the Chinese is that the Chinese Embassy has thus far declined to join the COM-level Donor Coordination Group, chaired by the World Bank. It is thus problematic to know precisely what kinds of assistance China is providing to Kenya and where therefore other donors might be able to work together with it.

13. (SBU) On the military side, China offers professional development courses for Kenyan officers, and Kenya has a defense attache's office in Beijing. China does not to our knowledge maintain a DATT in Nairobi. In early February, it was reported in the press that China provided a grant worth \$800,000 to the Kenyan military for the purchase of buses and other vehicles.
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